

## **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of April 14, 2008. This Amendment is in full response thereto. Thus, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and allowance of the application.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 10-16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Earls, et al. (USPN: 4,194,891). With respect to claims 10-16, Applicant respectfully traverses because Earls et al. fails to disclose feed air introduced to a pressure swing adsorption system at an inlet temperature between about 50°C and about 90°C. With respect to claim 20, Applicant respectfully traverses because Earls et al. fails to disclose feed air introduced to a pressure swing adsorption system at an inlet temperature between about 60 °C and about 80 °C. As such, the rejection should be withdrawn.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:**

Claims 17-19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Earls, et al. (USPN: 4,194,891). With respect to claims 17-19, Applicant respectfully traverses because Earls et al. fails to disclose, teach, or suggest feed air introduced to a pressure swing adsorption system at an inlet temperature between about 50°C and about 90°C. With respect to claim 21, Applicant respectfully traverses because Earls et al. fails to disclose, teach, or suggest feed air introduced to a pressure swing adsorption system at an inlet temperature between about 60 °C and about 70 °C.

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner

believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time has been contemporaneously submitted with this Request for Reconsideration along with the associated fee. Otherwise, it is believed that no fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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